

SPECIAL MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL DECEMBER 22, 2015

The Rush County Council met in special session on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Steve McCorkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Gerald Mohr called the special meeting to order.

TRANSFERS

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a request for two transfers in the Plat book fund. The first in the amount of \$3,360 from Plat book Equipment to Plat book Binders and Forms. Warren Norris moved to allow the transfer with Steve McCorkle seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The second request was to transfer \$3,700 in from Plat Book Equipment to Repairs and Maintenance in the Plat Book fund. Charles Smith moved to allow the transfer and Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION ORDINANCE

Due to a shortfall in the 2016 the following ordinance was adopted to reduce the 2015 budget. Marvin Hedrick moved to adopt the ordinance. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FOOD & BEVERAGE TAX

There is legislation being introduced that would allow the county council to adopt a Food & Beverage tax for the city at 1%. The county may also adopt an additional 1% tax. Steve McCorkle moved to table any decision until the January meeting so that the City could be asked to attend and additional information could be attained. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported that there have been incidents of credit card fraud using a skimmer in local gas pumps. There is currently an arrest warrant for one of the suspects and three others have been identified.

JOINT APC & BZA

Councilman Mohr reported that Bryant Niehoff has been selected to be the new director for the APC and BZA. Niehoff is completing his degree at Ball State University and has agreed to have office hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until he completes his degree in June and full time hours will be observed.

The have been 6 applications for the administrative assistant. Attorney Grant Reeves has agreed to work on an hourly basis for the first two months. January 11th is the start date for the newly formed department.

FIRECHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Nick White representing the Rush County Fire chief's Association explained that a grant was submitted for an 800 MHz radio system. Since then Rush County has determined that a Digital VHF system would be the best radio system for the county. The cost of the system is \$400,000 with hopes of funding over three years. Charles Smith and Steve McCorkle agreed to meet with the fire chiefs to discuss funding sources.

The Auditor received permission to do year end emergency transfers for 2015.

Steve McCorkle moved to adjourn. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Scott Barnes
Scott Barnes

/s/ Steve McCorkle
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor